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MASS. SPORTSMAN GIVES PLANE AS CONTRIBUTION TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Public interest in Federal wildlife conservation and management was again demonstrated on October 21, when William O. Sweet, a prominent conservationist and sportsman of Attleboro, Mass., presented a four-place, Model 24 Fairchild airplane to the Fish and Wildlife Service as a gift.

Director Albert M. Day of the Service, said today that the plane will be converted into a float-type craft and will be used by agents of the Branch of Game Management to detect and apprehend violators of the Federal Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Regulations.

Powered by a 175-h.p. engine, the plane will be based at Leonardtown, Md., and will patrol the Atlantic Flyway. It will be the fifth airplane in the service of U.S. game management agents.

Mr. Sweet presented the plane to the Fish and Wildlife Service at the annual dinner of the Angle Tree Stone Rod and Gun Club, North Attleboro, Mass.

In accepting the gift, Dr. Clarence Cottam, Assistant Director of the Service, stated that the plane will enable Federal game management agents to cut down the illegal kill of ducks on the southern Atlantic coast. "Birds saved in this area," he said, "will become available to northern hunters on subsequent flights."

This is the second plane donated to the Fish and Wildlife Service by private citizens for use in wildlife conservation. In 1947 a group of Maryland and Delaware sportsmen presented a similar gift through the Wildlife Management Institute.

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